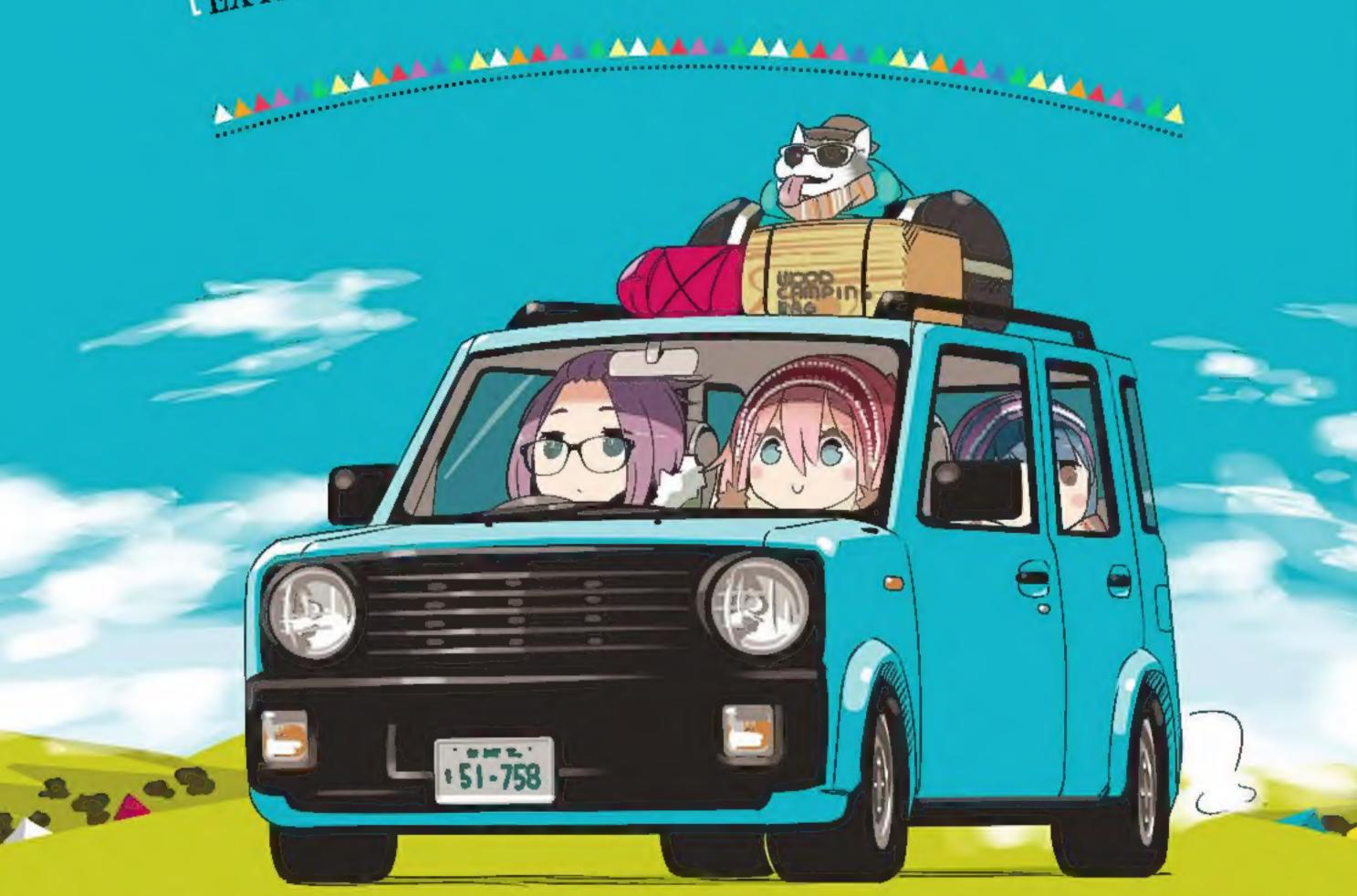




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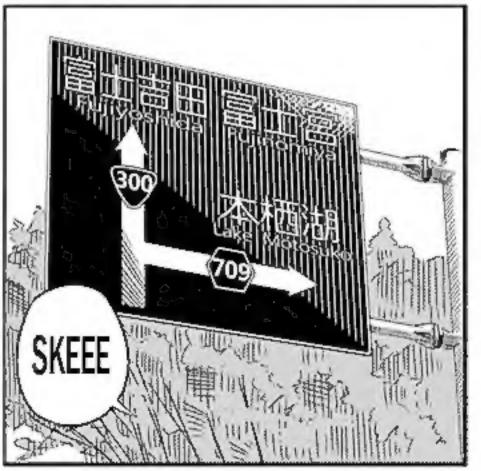












































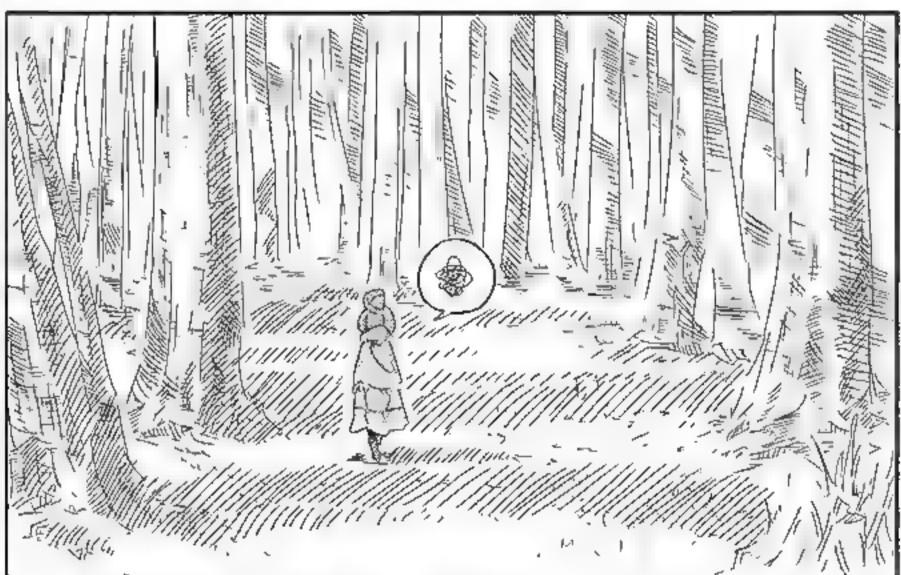










































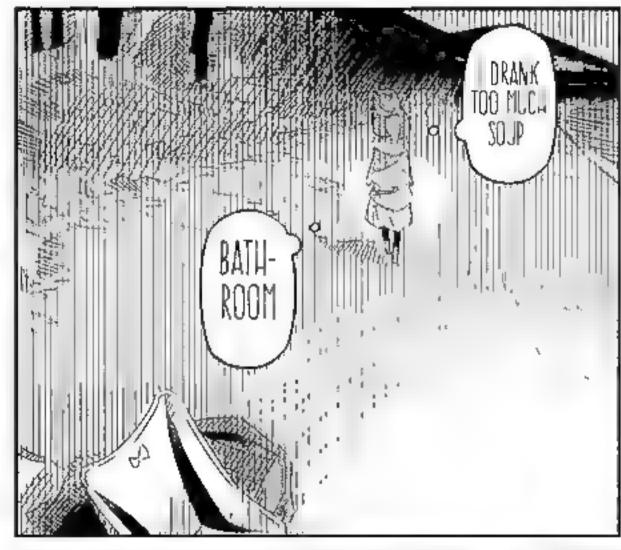






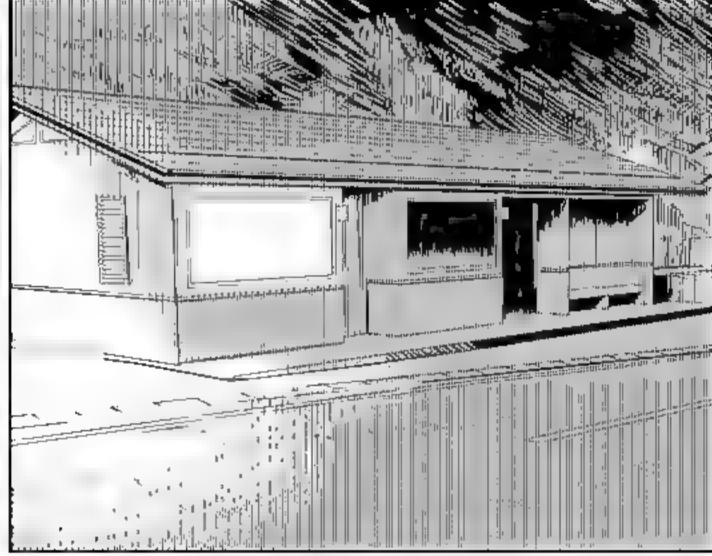








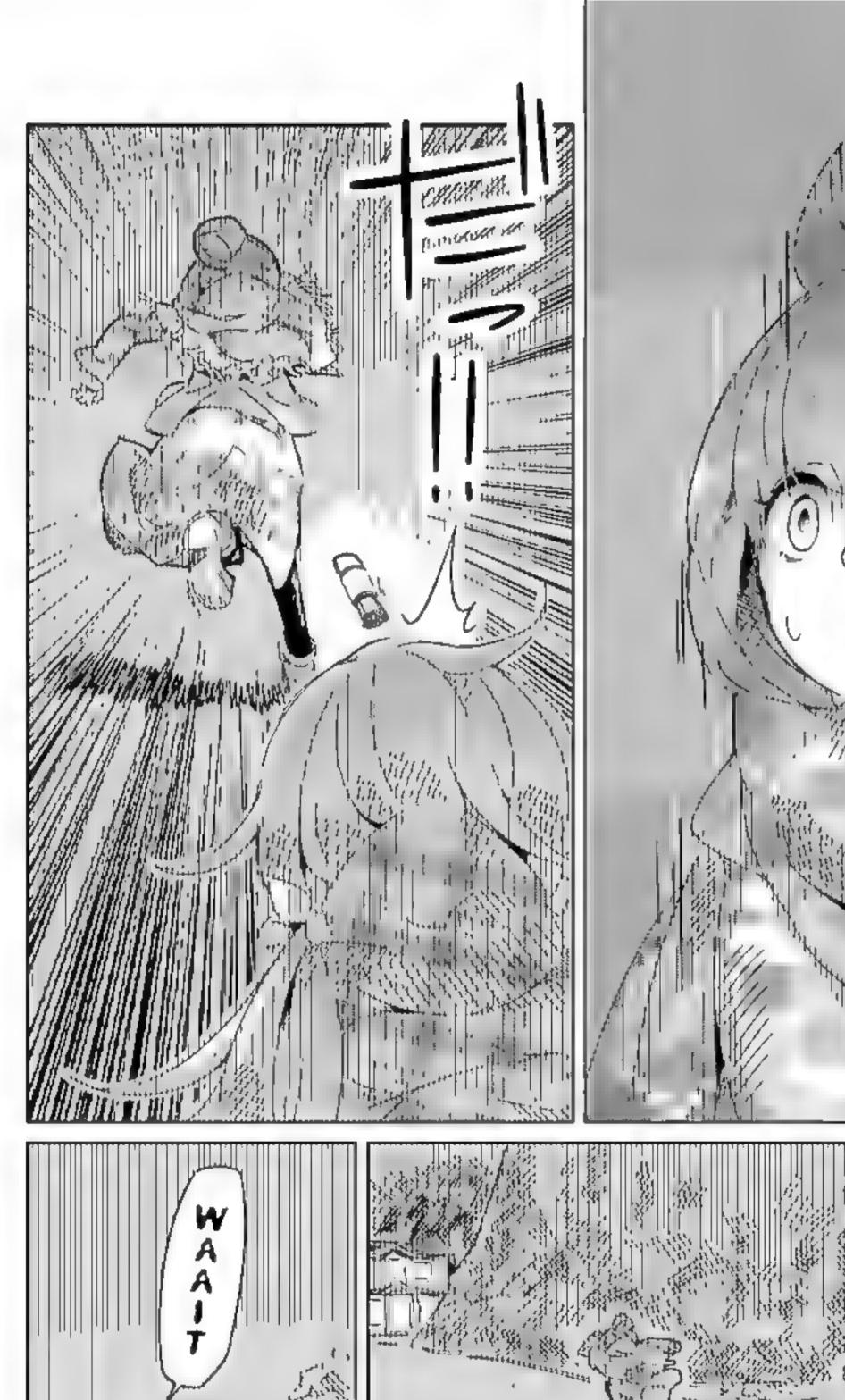




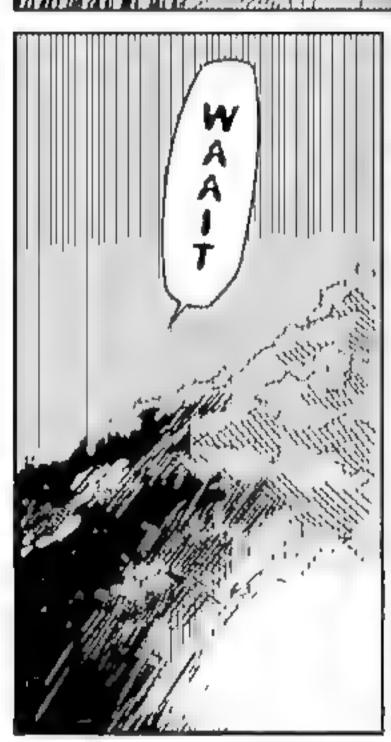
















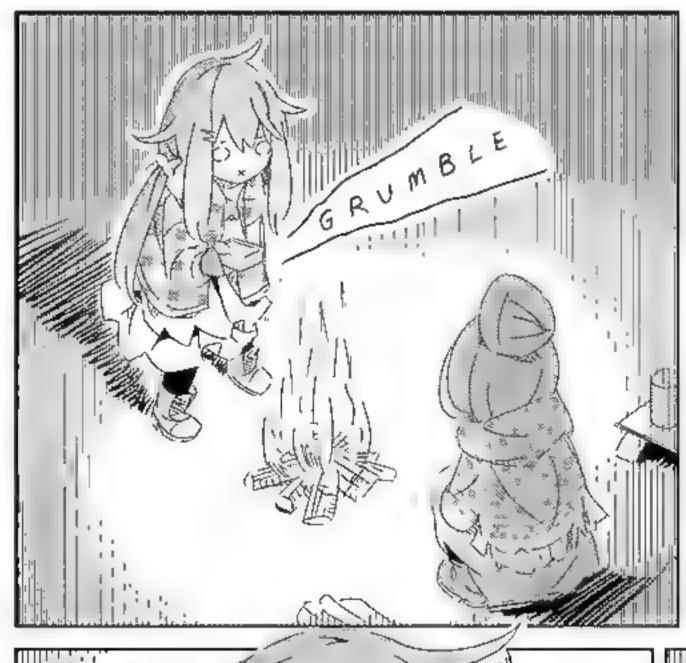


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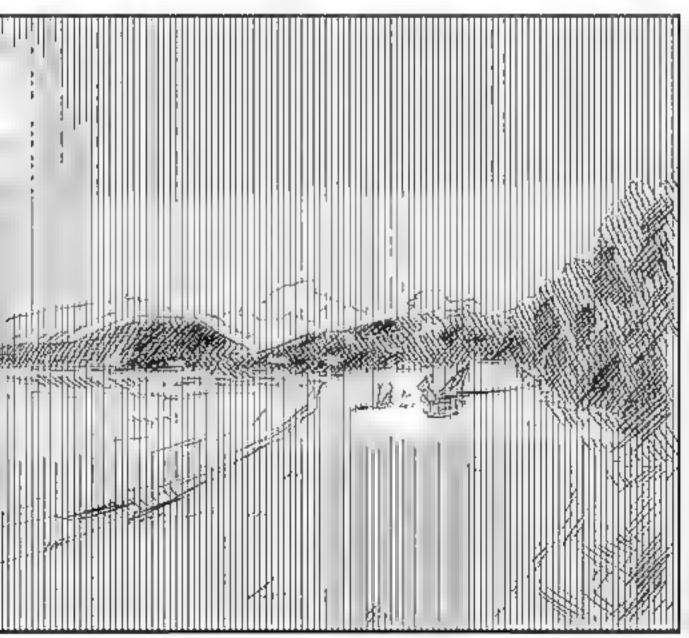






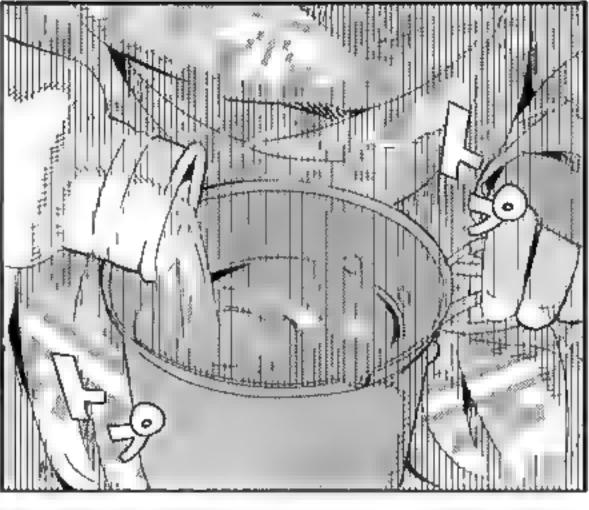


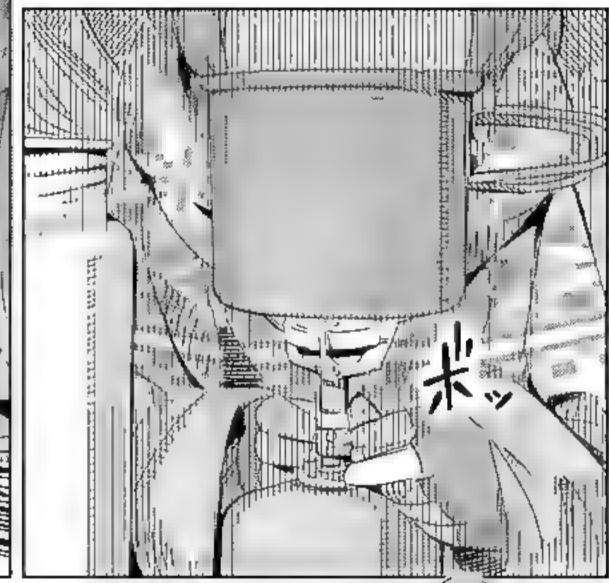














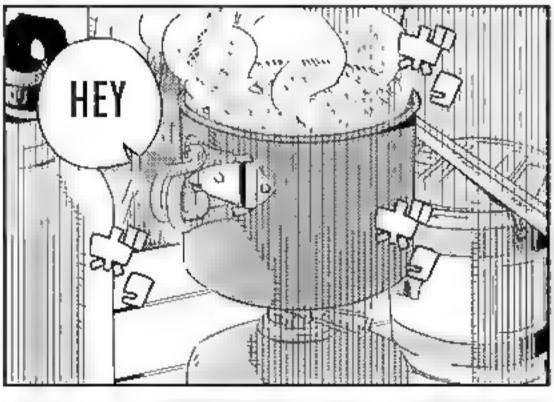
















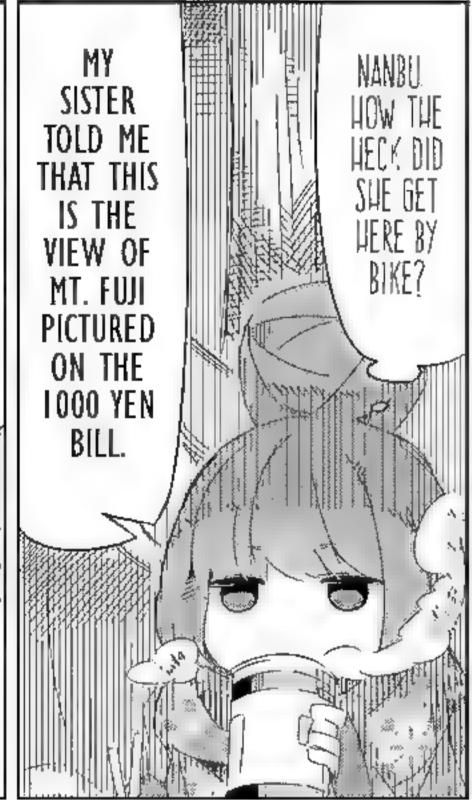


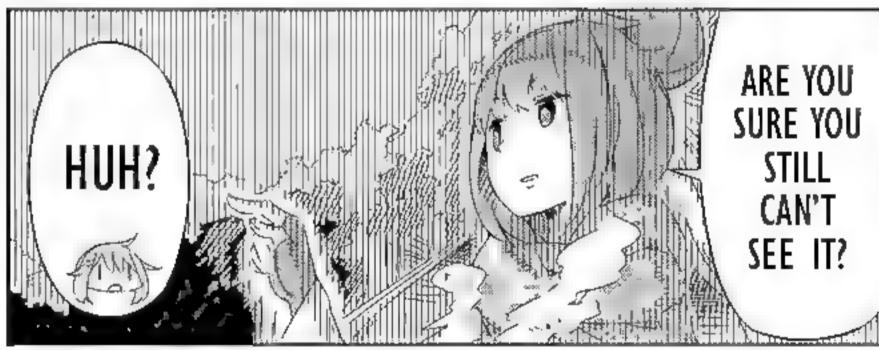
















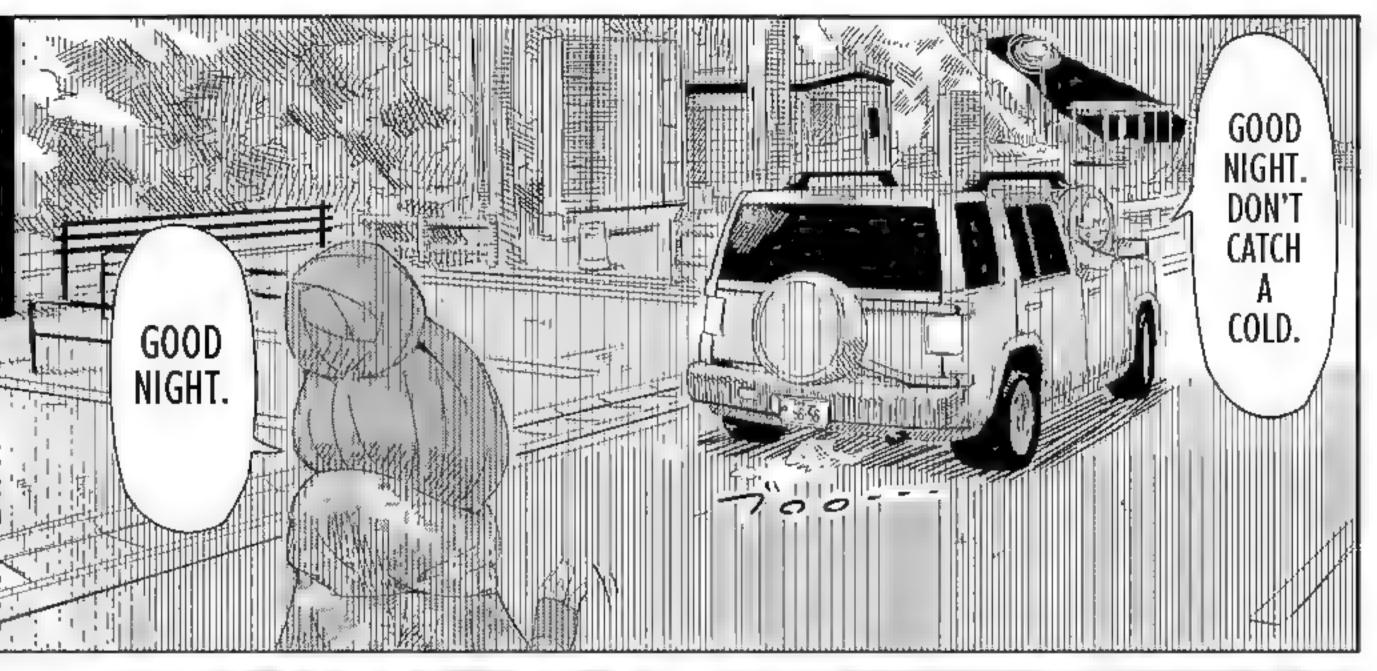


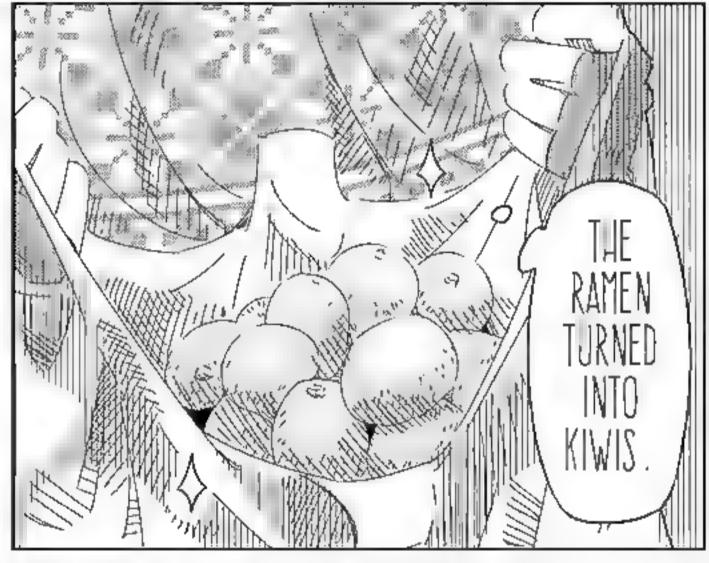










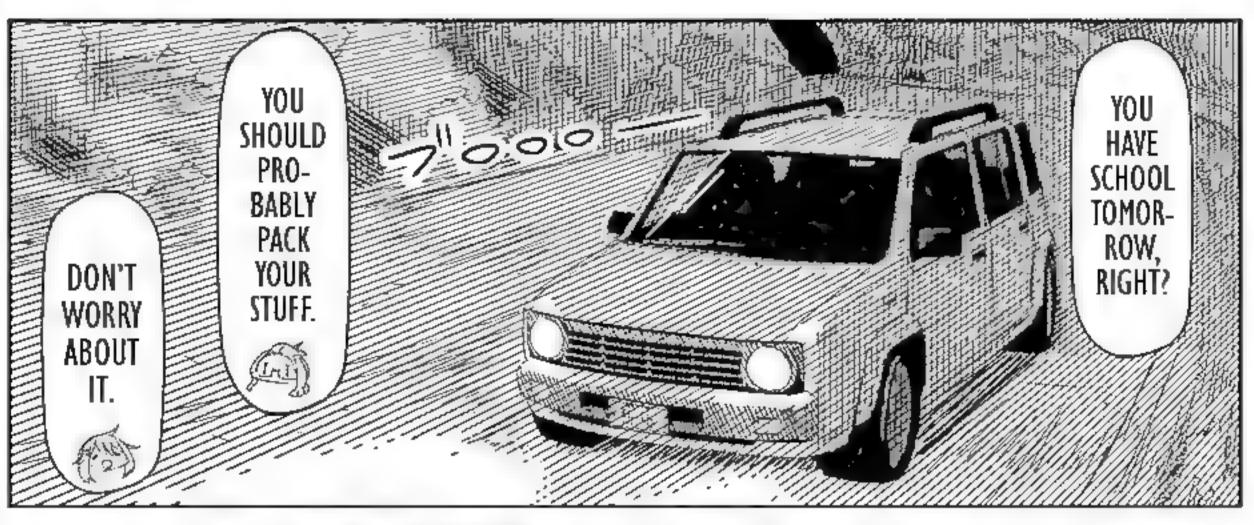






















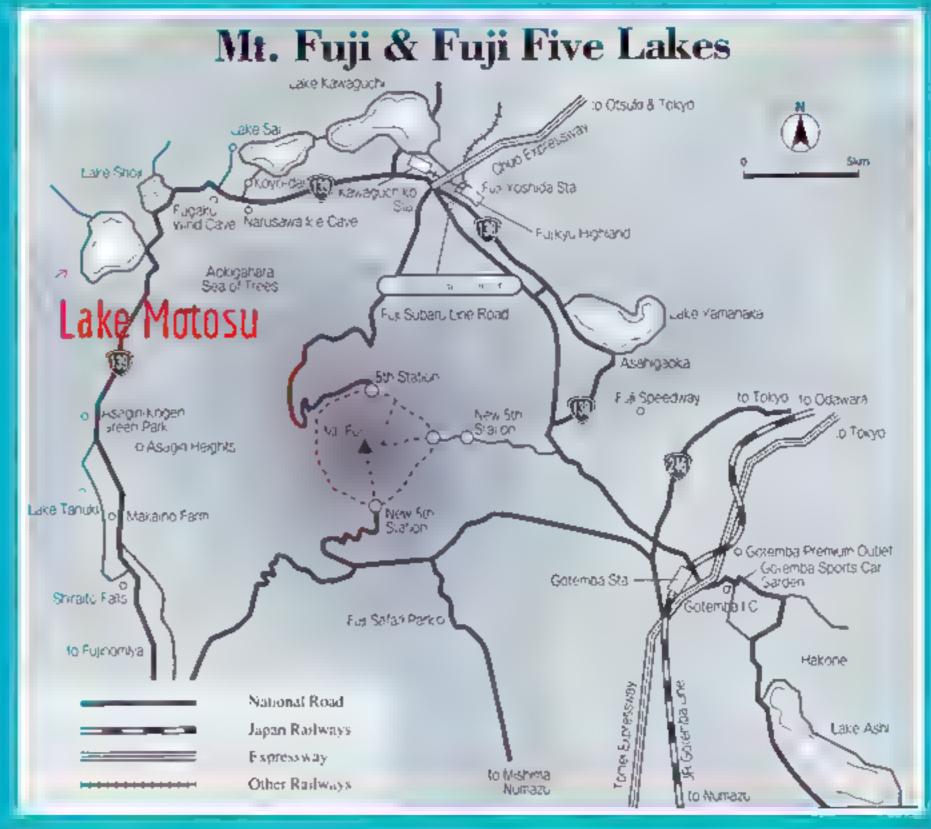




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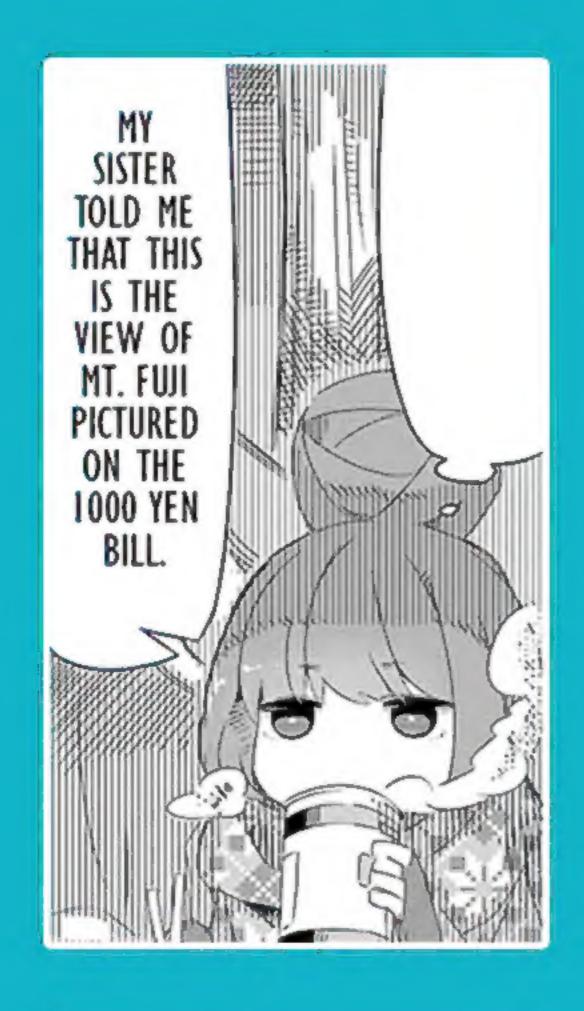
Around Mt. Fuji there are five volcanic lakes aptly named the "Fuji Five Lakes." This chapter of Yurucamp takes place at Lake Motosu, and like the rest of the Fuji Five, it is a huge sightseeing attraction. The tourism industry thrives in this area, capitalizing on not only the scenic views of Mt. Fuji, but also the plentiful opportunities for hiking, climbing, camping, boating, fishing, and onsen bathing. Lake Motosu is the deepest of the five lakes and is the only one that doesn't freeze over in the winter. Due to its remote location, it is hard for public transportation to reach the lake. Therefore, Lake Motosu is less developed and more oriented towards outdoor recreation. Many campgrounds line the shore, including the one in this chapter.



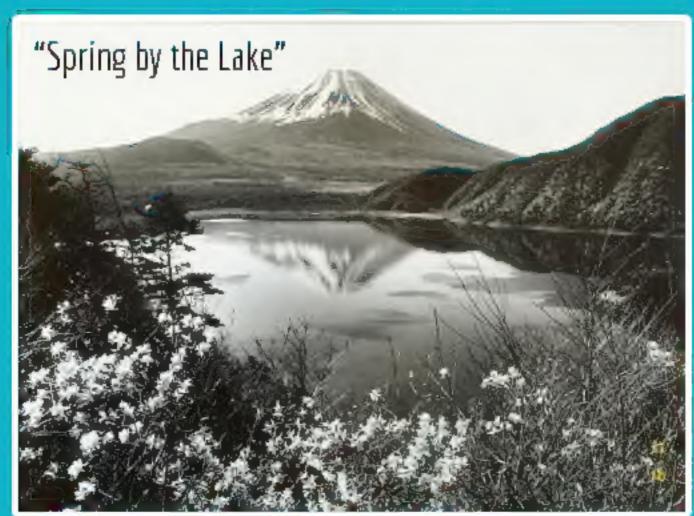




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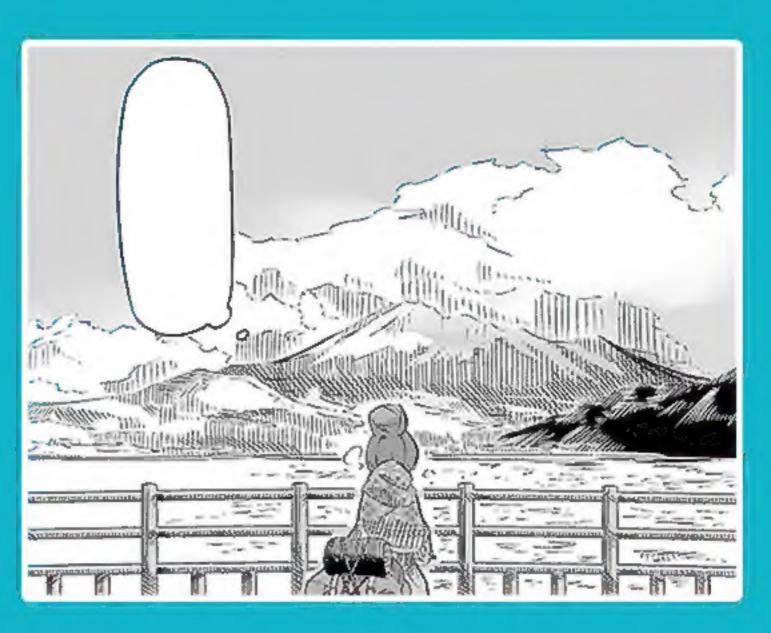


This bit of dialogue is correct. The picture on the back of the 1000 yen bill is of Mt. Fuji and its reflection on Lake Motosu. The original inspiration is a photograph taken by famed Japanese photographer Koyo Okada. It is titled "Spring by the Lake" and was captured in 1935. On the NW side of the lake, there is a viewpoint where it is still possible to see the same view that Okada did all those years ago.











Koan Campground

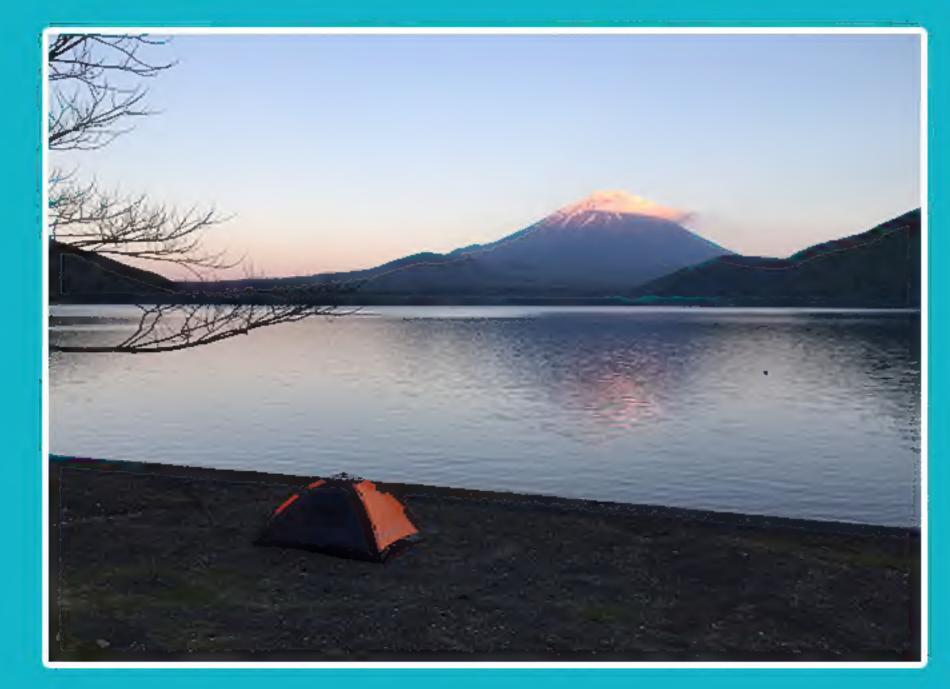
The campground which the girls are staying at is called Koan Campground. It is situated on the NW shore of Lake Motosu and offers stellar views of Mt. Fuji from the comfort of your tent. While cabins or the lodge are an option, the seasoned camper typically sets up on the beach. According to the website, for regular camping, it costs 600 yen a night per adult and another 1000 yen per car. Things to do there include fishing (for rainbow trout), diving, windsurfing, kayaking, or just simply lounging around. It looks like it can get pretty crowded, so off-season camping (fall-winter) is actually a solid recommendation here.













Nanbu and Yamanahsi

Yamanashi is a Japanese prefecture. It is to the east of Tokyo, landlocked, and very mountainous. North Mt. Fuji, the Five Fuji Lakes, Nanbu, and Koan Campground are all apart of this prefecture. The population is around 850,000.





Nanbu is a small, rural town along the Fuji River. There is no high school and the population is now 8,669. Nanbu has the lowest elevation in all of Yamanashi.





The joke here is that Lake Motosu is 27 miles and 2,500 ft uphill from Nanbu.

